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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether 15 percent of the total industrial production in the country is produced in the textile sector while its share in the overall exports is 30 percent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is need to increase production to reduce the gap between production and export; and

(d) if so, the Government`s reaction thereto alongwith the action taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) As per the latest available data, the share of textile manufacturing was 13.3 % of GDP (manufacturing) in1999-2000. The share of textile exports vis-Ã -vis overall exports for the corresponding period was 28.6%.

(c) & (d) There is need to increase production as well as export of textile items for domestic as well as overseas markets. Some of the important steps taken by the Government to increase the production and exports in the textile sector are as follows:

- Launching of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for modernisation of textile industry;

- Launching of Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme for upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centres;

- Launching of a programme as part of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for modernisation of weaving capacities;

- Allowing foreign equity participation upto 100% through automatic route in the textile sector with certain exceptions;

- Announcements in consecutive Budgets aiming inter-alia at further rationalisation of duty structure in the textile sector to improve competitiveness and reducing costs of machinery critical to technology upgradation;

- Launching of Technology Mission on the Cotton to achieve increasing cotton productivity and upgrade its quality upto international standards;

- De-reservation of woven readymade garment sector from SSI;

- Setting up of Apparel Parks and providing infrastructure facilities therein for encouraging growth and competitiveness of clothing in global market.